WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:

an external device connection unit for connecting an external device;

a first driver storage unit for storing a first driver to control said connected external device in a general-purpose manner;

a determination unit for determining whether or not a second driver to control said connected external device in a device-specific manner exists in said external device;

an acquisition unit for, if said determination unit determines that said second driver exists, obtaining said second driver from said connected external device; and

a second driver storage unit for storing said obtained second driver.

2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a driver switching unit for selecting one of said first driver and said second driver as a driver to control said external device in accordance with said connected external device.

3. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first driver storage unit is nonvolatile storage unit.

4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second driver storage unit is volatile storage unit.

5. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising warning unit for giving a warning to an operator of said information processing apparatus if said determination unit determines that said second driver does not exist.

6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said warning unit gives said warning in a case where said second driver cannot be stored in said second driver storage unit since an available capacity of said second driver storage unit is insufficient.

7. The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said warning unit gives said warning in a case where data of said second driver stored in said second driver storage unit is compared with said second driver obtained from said connected external device and there is a difference between the data of said stored second driver and said obtained second driver.

8. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a third storage unit for storing information on existence/absence of said second driver in said connected external device; and

a update unit for updating said information,

wherein said determination unit determines the existence/absence of said second driver to control said connected external device in the device-specific manner in said connected external device, based on said updated information stored in said third storage unit.

9. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a display unit for displaying information on said second driver stored in said second driver storage unit.

10. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a deletion unit for deleting said second driver from said second driver storage unit if an instruction to delete said second driver from said second driver storage unit is received.

11. A control method for an information processing apparatus having an external device connection unit to connect an external device and a first driver storage unit to store a first driver to control said connected

external device in a general-purpose manner, comprising:

a determination step of determining whether or not a second driver to control said connected external device in a device-specific manner exists in said external device;

an acquisition step of, if it is determined at said determination step that said second driver exists, obtaining said second driver from said connected external device; and

a storage step of storing said obtained second driver into a second driver storage unit.

12. The control method according to claim 11, further comprising a driver switching step of selecting one of said first driver and said second driver as a driver to control said external device in accordance with said connected external device.

13. The control method according to claim 11, wherein said first driver storage unit is a nonvolatile storage unit.

14. The control method according to claim 11, wherein said second driver storage unit is a volatile storage unit.

15. The control method according to claim 11, further comprising a warning step of giving a warning to an operator of said information processing apparatus if it is determined at said determination step that said second driver does not exist.

16. The control method according to claim 15, wherein at said warning step, said warning is given in a case where said second driver cannot be stored in said second driver storage unit since an available capacity of said second driver storage unit is insufficient.

17. The control method according to claim 15, wherein at said warning step, said warning is given in a case where data of said second driver stored in said second driver storage unit is compared with said second driver obtained from said connected external device and there is a difference between the data of said stored second driver and said obtained second driver.

18. The control method according to claim 11, further comprising:

a third storage unit to store information on existence/absence of said second driver in said connected external device; and

an update unit to update said information,

wherein at said determination step, determination

is made as to the existence/absence of said second driver to control said connected external device in the device-specific manner in said connected external device, based on said updated information stored in said third storage unit.

19. The control method according to claim 11, wherein said information processing apparatus further comprises a display unit to display information on said second driver stored in said second driver storage unit,

said method further comprising a deletion step of deleting said second driver from said second driver storage unit if an instruction to delete said second driver from said second driver storage unit is received.

20. A control program causes to a computer to execute a control method for an information processing apparatus having an external device connection unit to connect an external device and a first driver storage unit to store a first driver to control said connected external device in a general-purpose manner, said control method comprising:

a determination step of determining whether or not a second driver to control said connected external device in a device-specific manner exists in said external device;

an acquisition step of, if it is determined at

said determination step that said second driver exists, obtaining said second driver from said connected external device; and

a storage step of storing said obtained second driver into a second driver storage unit.